

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
March 20, 2007  
Conference Call

Members Present: Jack Corson, Vice President  
David Graham  
Jim Mickelson  
Gene Hardy  
Joe Thomas  
Juan Reyes  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

Members Absent: Dalin Winters  
Emily Horton  
Patrick Zimmerer  
David Largent  
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

### **Issues**

Muff reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting April 9 and 10.

John reviewed the vacancy in Sheridan County

Gene wanted an update regarding the letter from John Daley about one of the Predatory Animal Districts' not releasing minutes, etc. from their meetings. John indicated the Department responded to the district letting them know they must comply with requests for documents. He said he will follow up with Hank Uhden to see if there is anything new.

John said there is a meeting today at 10 at the Stock growers to discuss the drought situation. He is worried about the expiration of the drought designations from a federal standpoint. He reminded members to stay on top of the situation and go to their commissioners to have their county declared if the drought continues. He was hopeful that today's meeting, which includes Lois VanMARK, will answer some of the questions regarding those expirations. Juan wanted to know what the qualifications for declaration were and John said that would hopefully be answered during today's discussion.

Jack asked the members to review the statutes that were in their November board packets to be more prepared for the discussion of responsibilities for the April meeting. He also asked that the State Fair Advisory Committee appointments, to be made by Joe and Juan, not be made until after the April meeting to allow them more time to understand the advisory committees' role.

John is sending letters to the VoAg Teachers Assn. and Dean Galey asking them to make new appointments to the State Fair Committee, as Johnathan Despain and Ron Pulse's terms both

expired in September.

Jack asked the members to send agenda items to him for the July meeting. Jim Mickelson asked if they were still planning a trip to Colorado to check out the stack for the rodeo. John indicated WDA has already talked to Cervi about bringing better stack to the rodeo this year. After discussion it was decided that going down to discuss the issue wouldn't do much good. The members asked to have a copy of the contract with Cervi be sent to them for review.

John would like to see the new board have a rotation of no more than two member's terms expiring every two years. The membership agreed that would allow for more continuity and asked John to prepare a rotation scheduled to accommodate that. John said he would have to have it reviewed by the AG.

Gene would like to have the members decide on the appointment to the ADMB at the April meeting but not have that member take over until Helen's term expires in the fall. He felt this would give that member an opportunity to attend the April ADMB meeting as an observer.

Jim Mickelson asked if anyone was aware of a meeting in Riverton on March 23 or 24. The only meeting is the Livestock Board on the 22 of March.

The sale barns are asking for additional money for the handling and reading of brucellosis testing. The Livestock Board is looking into being able to find money to fund that.

John talked about the loss of federal funding to several programs in Wyoming and the Livestock office in Lander is being affected.

There being no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jack Corson, President

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Date